THE MADRAS LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

Monday, the 27th February 1950.

The House met in the Council Chamber, Fort St. George, at half past two, Mr. Chairman (THE HON. SRI R. B. RAMAKRISHNA RAJU) in the Chair.

I.—QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

STARRED QUESTIONS.

Creation of a separate High Court for the Andhra area.

* 1 *Q.*—SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO: Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the resolution passed by the Madras Legislative Council in regard to the creation of a separate High Court for the so-called Andhra area has been forwarded to the Government of India;

(*b*) whether the Government of India have intimated their decision in the matter;

(*c*) whether this Government recommended the creation of the High Court even pending the formation of the Andhra Province;

(*d*) whether the Government of India have accepted the recommendation; and

(*e*) when the High Court for the Andhradesa is to be created and where it will be located?

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN (on behalf of the Hon. the Chief Minister) :—" (*a*) & (*b*) Yes, Sir.

" (*c*) The Government recommended that in order to avoid delays in setting up a separate High Court for the Andhra area, necessary action might be taken for the constitution of a separate High Court for the Andhra area of this Province, so that a separate High Court for that area could start functioning some time before the creation of the Andhra Province.

" (*d*) No, Sir.

" (*e*) Does not arise in view of the answer to clause (*d*) and the Government of India's decision against the creation of the Andhra Province."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" May I know whether in forwarding their recommendation, this Government named a place where the new High Court was to be located? "

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" No, Sir."

DR. V. K. JOHN :—" May I know whether it is correct to say that the question of Andhra Province is dead and buried? "

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" If it is dead, of course we will first have the funeral and then other things may be done."

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DR. V. K. JOHN :—" Is it correct to say that the motion in this House and the other House for a High Court under section 229 of the Government of India Act, 1935, was made under a legal misapprehension? "

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" I do not know whether any misapprehension at all arose in this matter."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" May I know whether the Government of India have pointed out that there had been some misapprehension in this regard? "

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" No; Sir."

DR. V. K. JOHN :—" Will the Government at least now declare that they are not considering the question of the formation of the Andhra Province any longer so that there may not be any more agitation? "

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" There is no need to do that now in view of what the Government of India have already said about it."

DR. V. K. JOHN :—" Do the Government agree that this question is dead and buried? "

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" I require a medical certificate."

DR. V. K. JOHN :—" May I give one as a doctor? "

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" I cannot accept the certificate of a bogus doctor."

JANAB ABDUL LATIF FAROOKHI :—" Is there any hope of the Andhra Province being formed in the near future? "

MR. CHAIRMAN :—" I am afraid it does not arise out of this question."

Revised scales of pay for the work-charged establishments of the Electricity Department, etc.

* 2 *Q.*—SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether revised scales of pay have been sanctioned for the work-charged establishments of the Electricity Department and the Electrical Engineer, Madras, and if so, what they are;

(*b*) whether the same orders or separate orders have been issued for the work-charged establishments under the Chief Engineer, Irrigation and General; and

(*c*) whether there is a proposal to fix uniform scales of pay, allowances, etc., to work-charged establishments in the various branches of the Public Works and Electricity Departments?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (*a*) Revised scales of pay have been sanctioned for the work-charged